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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
for Director and Health Officer

**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO AMEND FRIENDS
RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC. AGREEMENT**

This is to notify you that I am exercising delegated authority approved by your Board on June 30, 2009, to execute an amendment to Friends Research Institute, Inc. (Friends) Contract Number H-702632, for Methamphetamine Prevention services for an additional twelve months, at no additional cost, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office and notification to your Board.

Friends is implementing an innovative bio-behavioral, substance abuse pilot project, targeting high-risk, methamphetamine-using gay men. The intervention provides critical HIV post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) as an HIV prevention intervention, and assists with methamphetamine abstinence. The pilot project has been delayed due to the two reviews by the Institutional Review Boards that are required for this project to ensure the safety and feasibility of services provided.

Under this delegated authority, DPH will amend the existing agreement with Friends to extend the contract term for an additional six months, effective July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, at no additional cost, with a maximum obligation of \$322,000. This extension will allow for a more realistic time period for Friends to fully implement the overall goal of the project by enrolling fifty-five eligible participants.

County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office have reviewed and approved the amendment as to form.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
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